

**Union Township Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**July 31, 2023**

The Union Township Trustees met in regular session on July 31, 2023, at 7:00 pm. Fiscal Officer Jessica Slater's roll call showed the following trustees: John Slater, Jeff Sharps and Roger Start present. Paula Greene, Township Administrator, was also present. Guests: Kenneth Fisher, Greg Large, Laura Haley, and Kraig Koester. Trustee Slater led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes – Mr. Start moved and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve the July 17 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Bills – Mr. Start motioned, and Mr. Slater seconded to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Public Comments- Kraig Koester, resident of the Reserve subdivision said the entrance to the subdivision and Deeds Road appears to be eroding on both sides of the entrance. Also, gravel collects on the roadway. Mr. Slater said he would discuss the issue with the Road Superintendent. Mr. Koester wanted the Trustees to be aware that there has been a problem with vehicle thefts and break-ins over the past two weeks. The Sheriff's Department has provided extra patrol. Greg Large, a Reserve resident, is concerned about the extra stress on the road from heavy equipment and is also concerned about the erosion. Mr. Large would like additional speed limit signs posted. Mr. Slater said if there is not a speed limit sign, the speed limit is 55 mph. Mr. Slater said that a statewide effort was made to lower township speed limits to 45 mph, but it failed.

**Road and Bridge**

Tree removal – A large tree at the northern end of Canyon Road needs to be removed. The tree has split and has become a safety issue. Dave will be obtaining three estimates to remove the tree.

Fisher – A meeting has been scheduled for August 2 to meet and discuss the ditch issue. Mr. Slater and Dave will be available. Mr. Kneer has not confirmed his attendance.

Road Resurfacing – The Shelly Company has scheduled the project for the third week in August.

**Administration**

Meeting Date Reminders: Monday, August 14; Tuesday, September 5 and Monday, September 18, 2023, all begin at 7:00 pm.

Elections – Will be held in the building on August 8 with set-up on August 7.

Thru Truck Traffic – Received opinions from Assistant Prosecutors Carolyn Carnes and Austin Lecklider that according to an Attorney General Opinion of No Thru Trucks. No Board of Trustees has the authority under sections 4511.07.11 and 55.71.02 to prohibit excessive traffic on Township Roads.

MOPC meeting-Paula attended a MOPC meeting where plans for the revitalization of the Buckeye Lake area were discussed. Raising Interstate 70, to end flooding issues was also discussed. A few townships' residents' property could be affected.

Map Amendment – Mike Brenneman submitted a request to rezone his 10-acre parcel on National Road from Agriculture to General Business. The Zoning Commission will hear the request held after August 28.

District Advisory Council Meeting – Paula attended the DAC at the Board of Health.

Entering a contract – The following Resolution was presented:

***Resolution 2023-35 – Mr. Start motioned, and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve Entering into a contract with The Shelly Company in the amount of \$141,395.00 to resurface Willow Way, Bending Oak, Simone, and Grand Point Drive.***

***Roll Call: Mr. Slater-yes    Mr. Start-yes    Mr. Sharps-yes***

Economic Development

Framework – Mr. Sharps said a draft strategic plan and proposed resolution for those involved with Framework are being prepared. The first plan was met with some resistance regarding the language; revisions are being made. Mr. Sharps said the Township will be asked to pass a resolution in support of the plan. In September two presentations will be available for participants to attend. More information will be provided later.

CRA Amendment – A letter from Southwest Licking and Lakewood Schools was sent to the Commissioners in response to our request to extend our pre1974 CRA. The letter requests that there be no residential abatements, provide school compensation and good communications. Mr. Start and Nate Green met with Lakewood School Officials to discuss their concerns. The next step will be the Commissioners’ setting a date to hear the request.

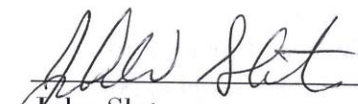
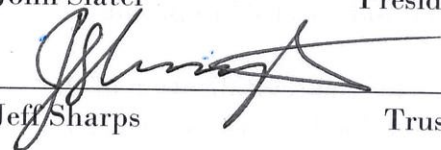
Public Comments:

Mr. Fisher asked if any progress had been made with the Harrison Township Agreement. Mr. Slater said they were talking with Harrison Township.

Mr. Large asked if the Trustees were aware of new proposed roadways that would affect the Township. Mr. Slater said the Trustees have not been advised of new roads at this time. Bill Lozier, TID has been involved in the traffic planning process. Mr. Slater said he has heard of possible outer belts, some of which may touch the northern portion of the township. New routes for transportation were in the planning process before Intel. Mr. Sharps, a Framework representative, said a connector would not be in place in our lifetime. There are several layers before a new road can be established such as finance and logistics.

There were no trustee comments. There being no further business, Mr. Start moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:33pm. Mr. Sharps seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Union Township Trustees will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

  
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John Slater President  
  
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Jeff Sharps Trustee

  
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Roger Start Vice President  
  
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Jessica Slater Fiscal Officer